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1. Bhranthachalam

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Pampa cave temple
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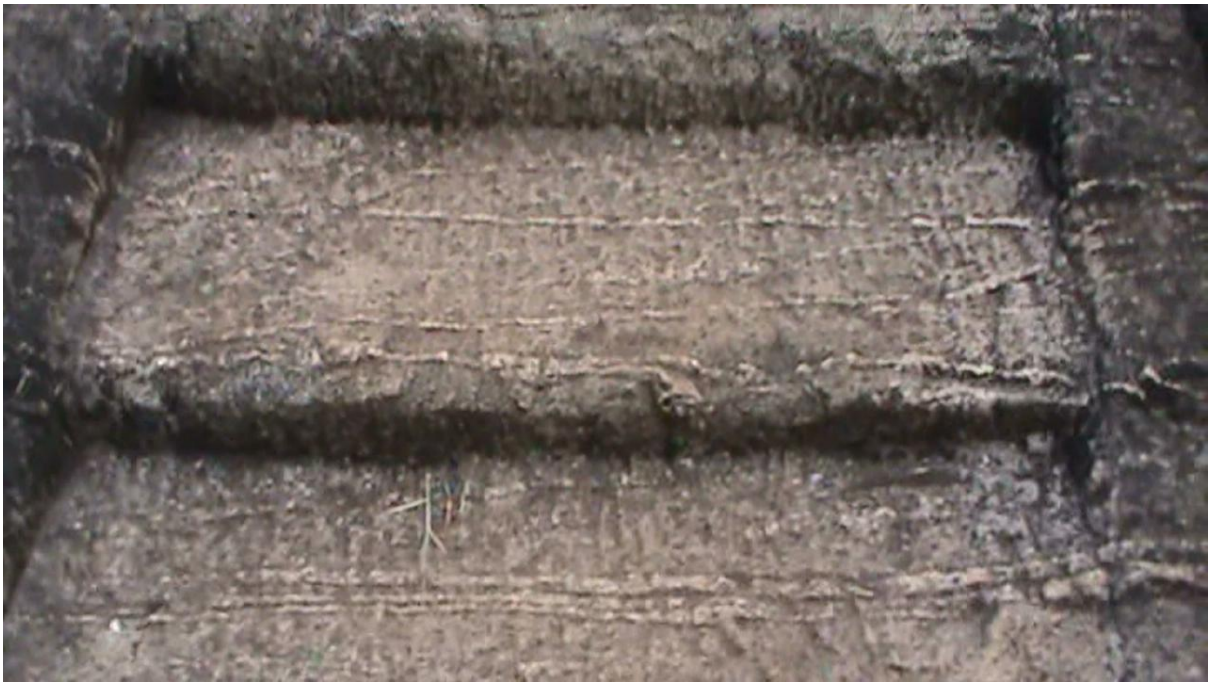

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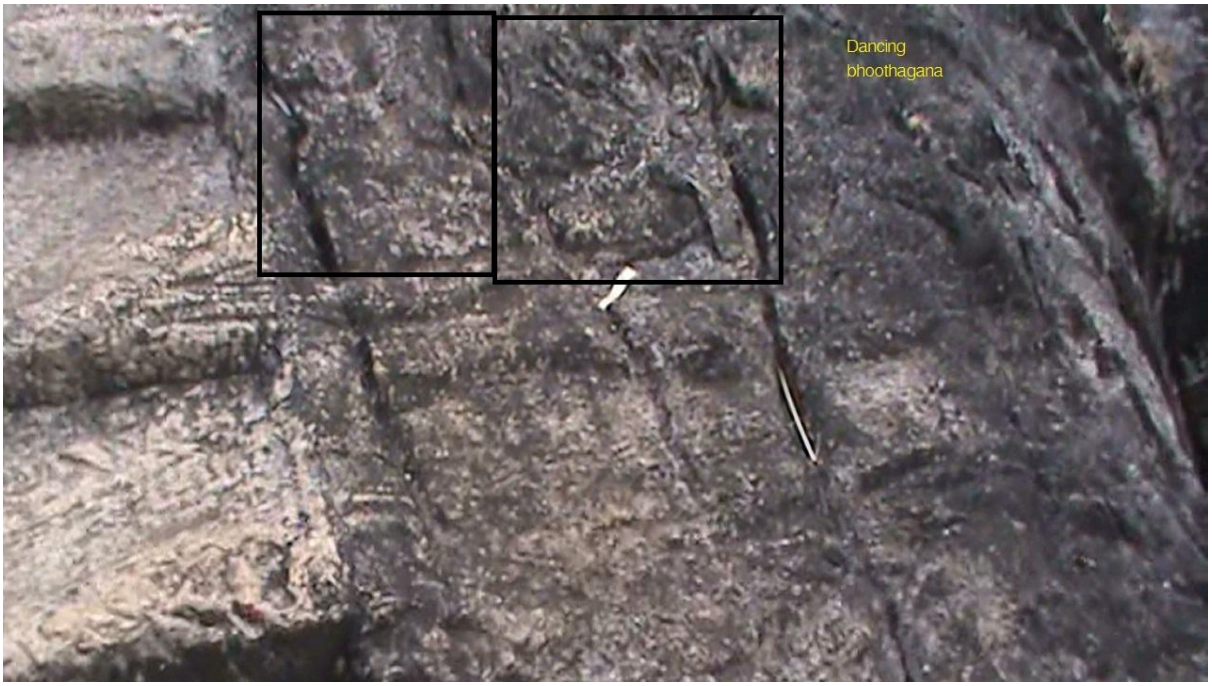

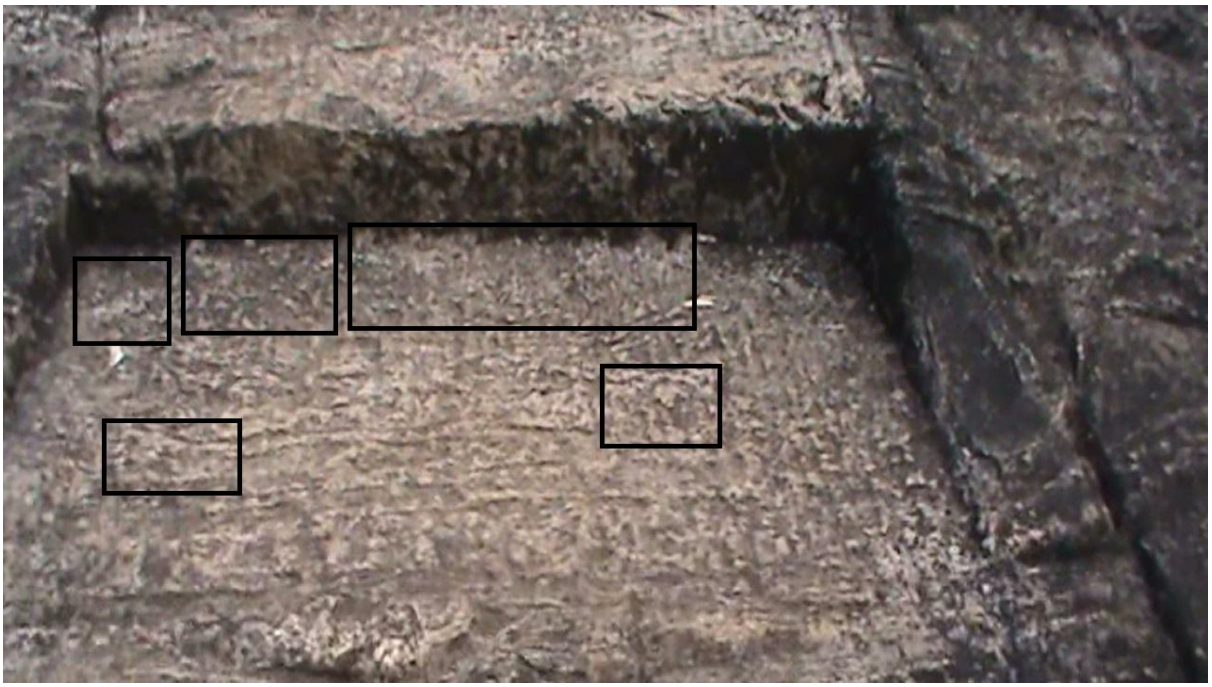

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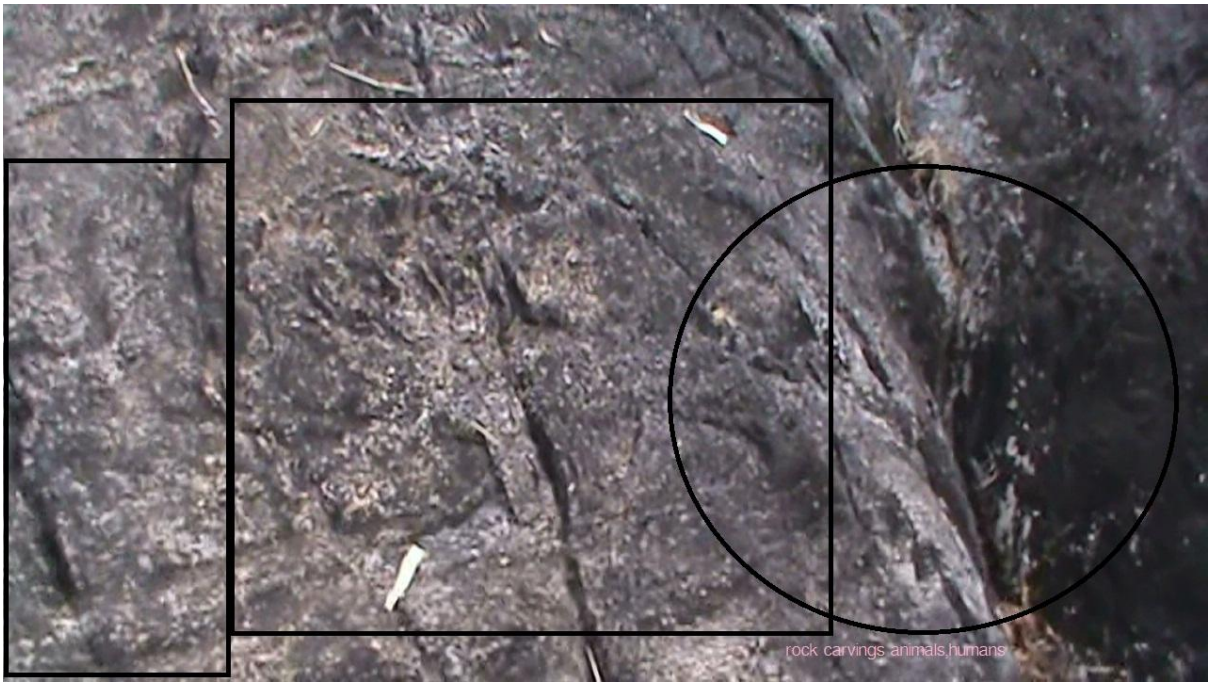

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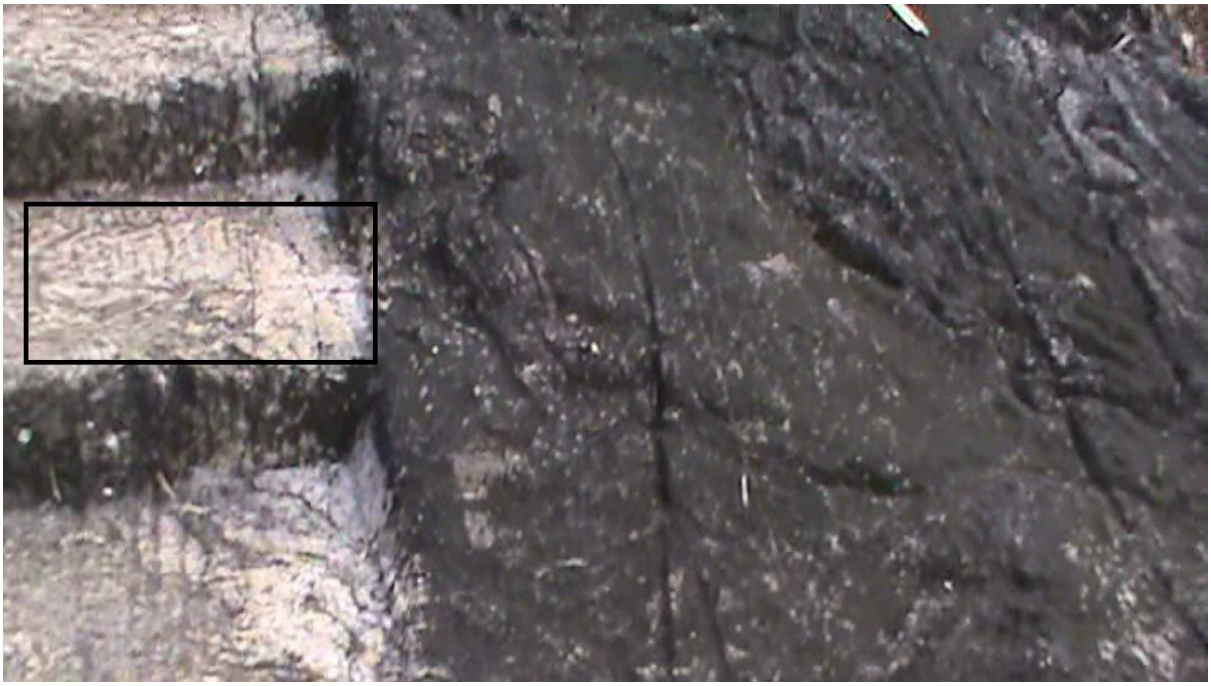
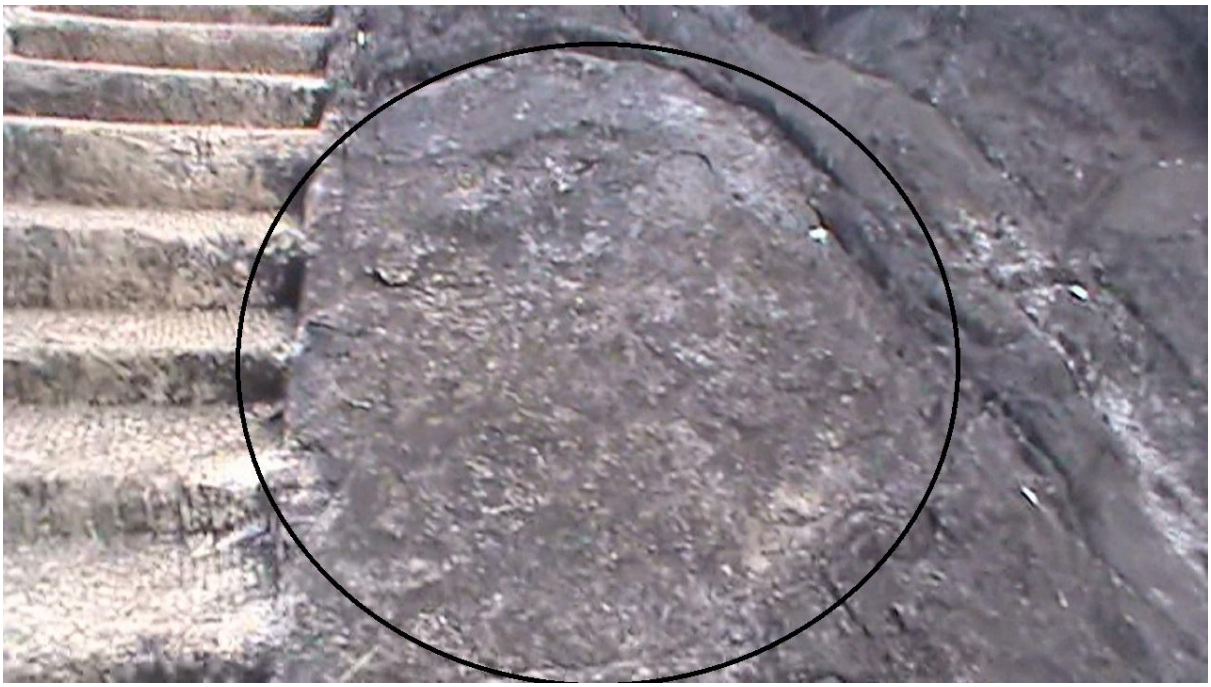
Rock carvings
Naga figurines





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Carvings on either side of steps.
Just as in temples the Silpi has tried to create Adhishtanam,jagathi,kumudappadi etc by neatly carving the rock .

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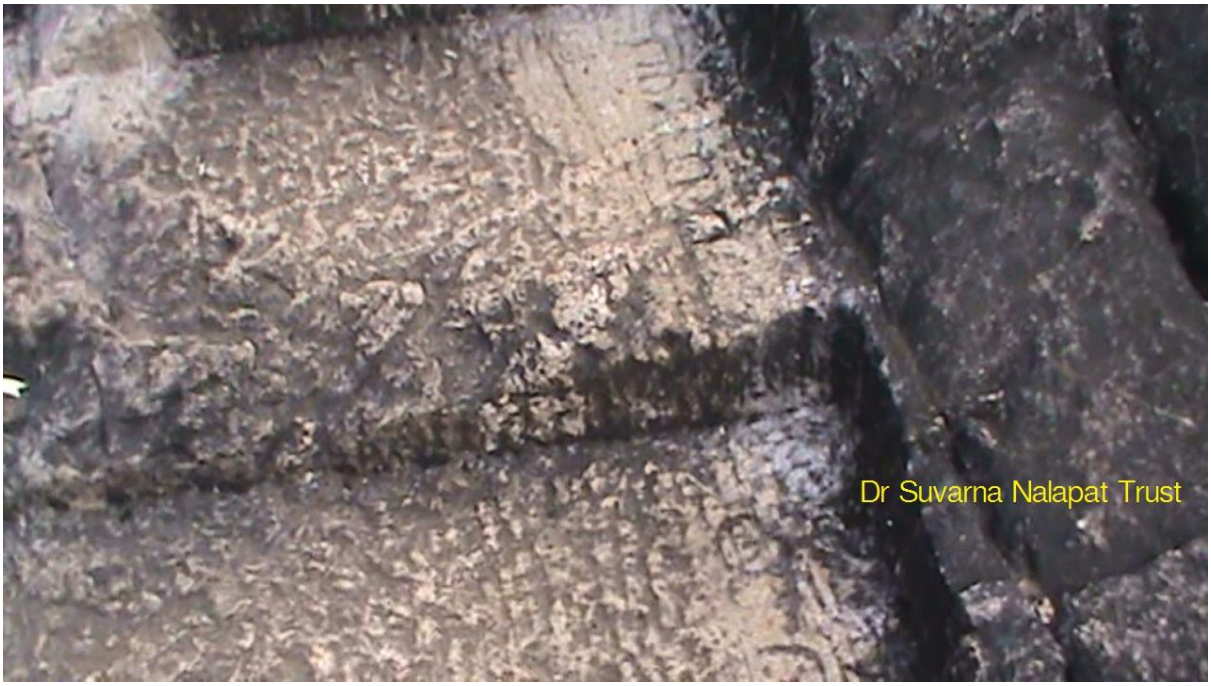
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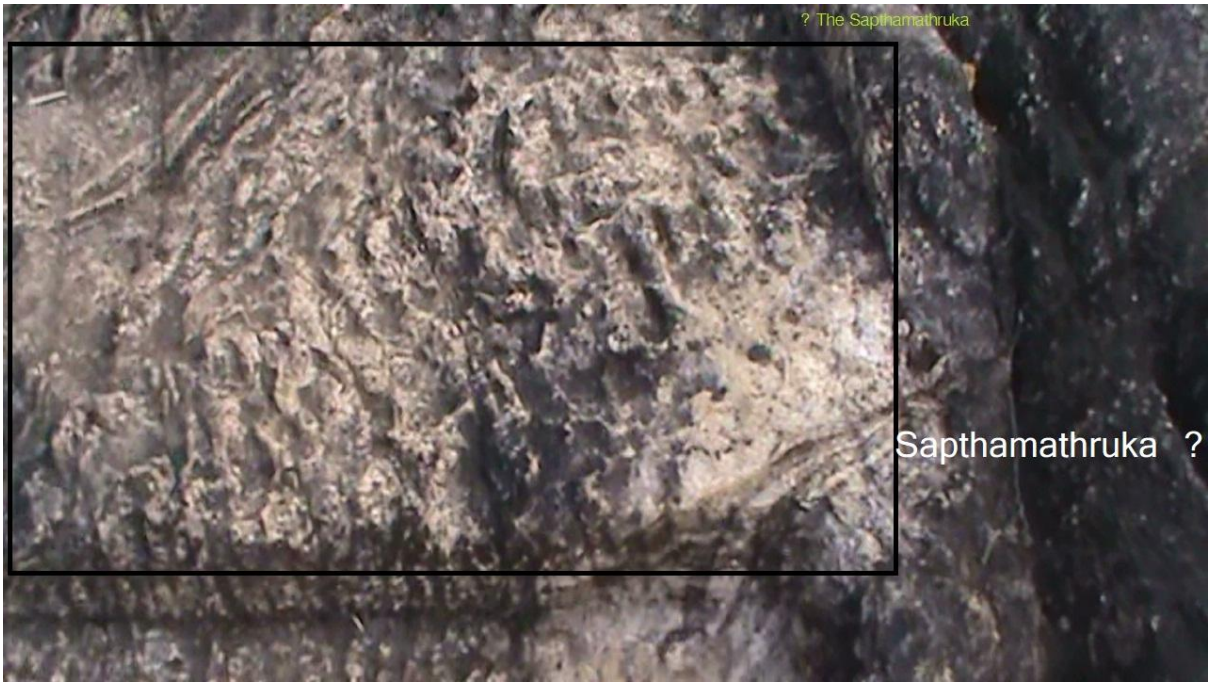

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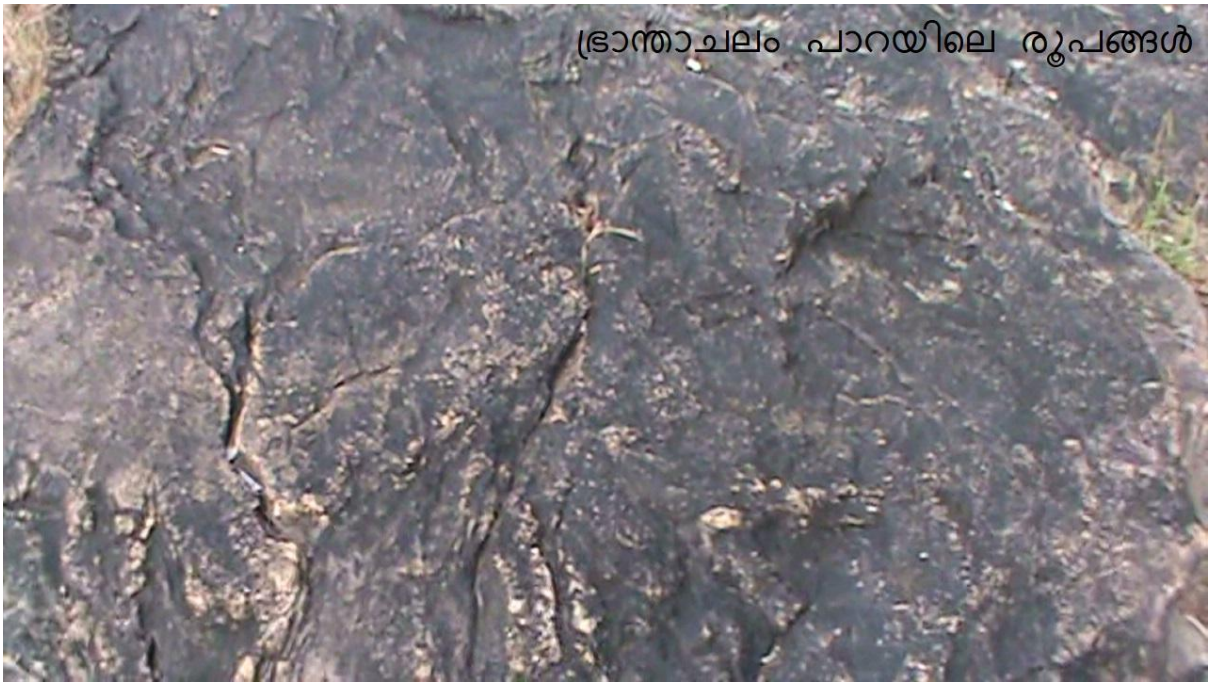
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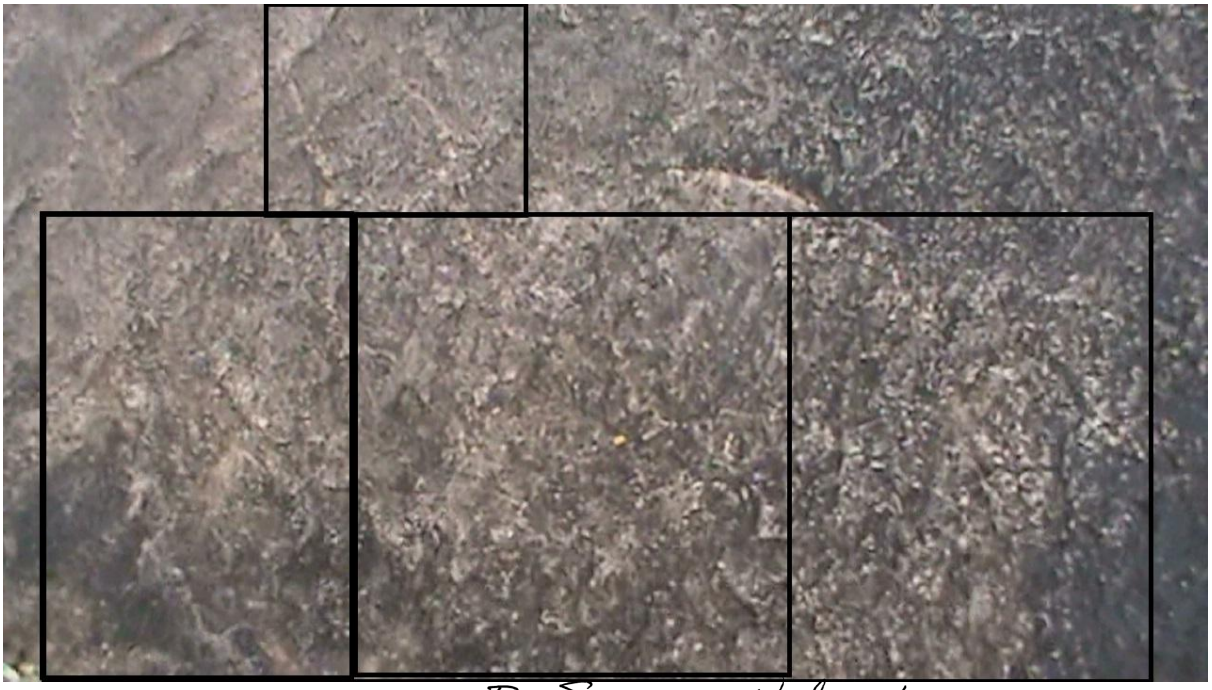

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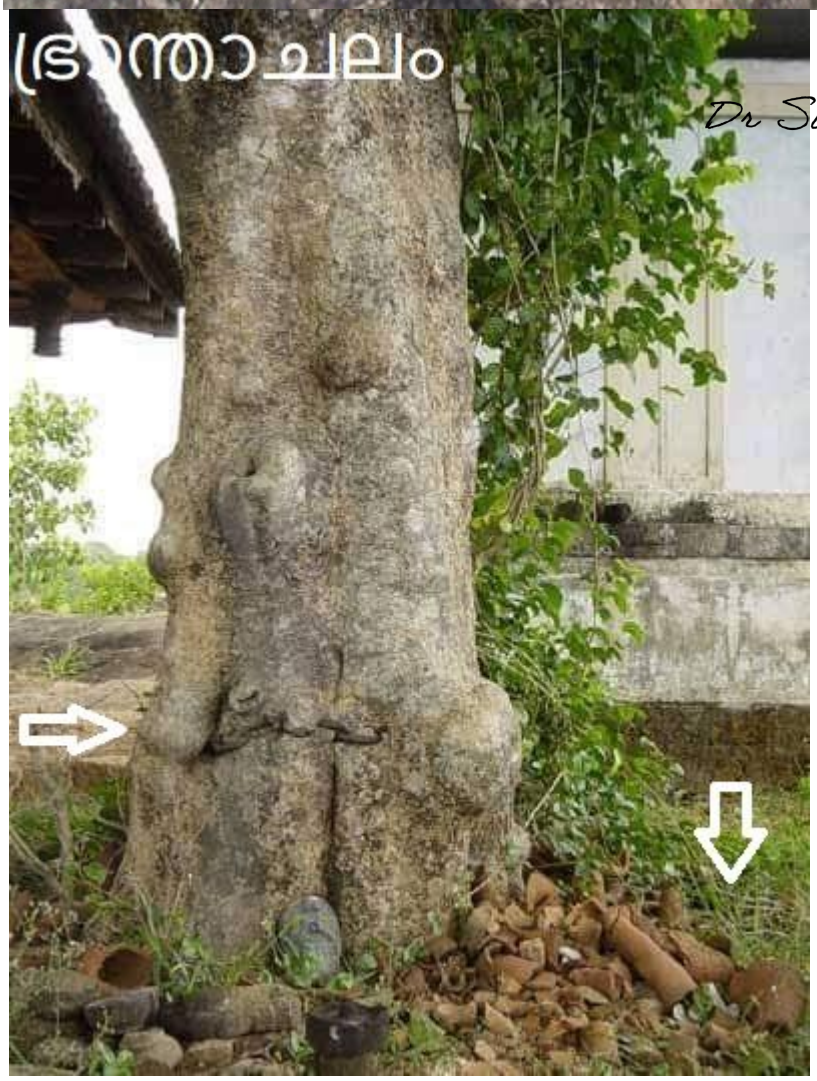

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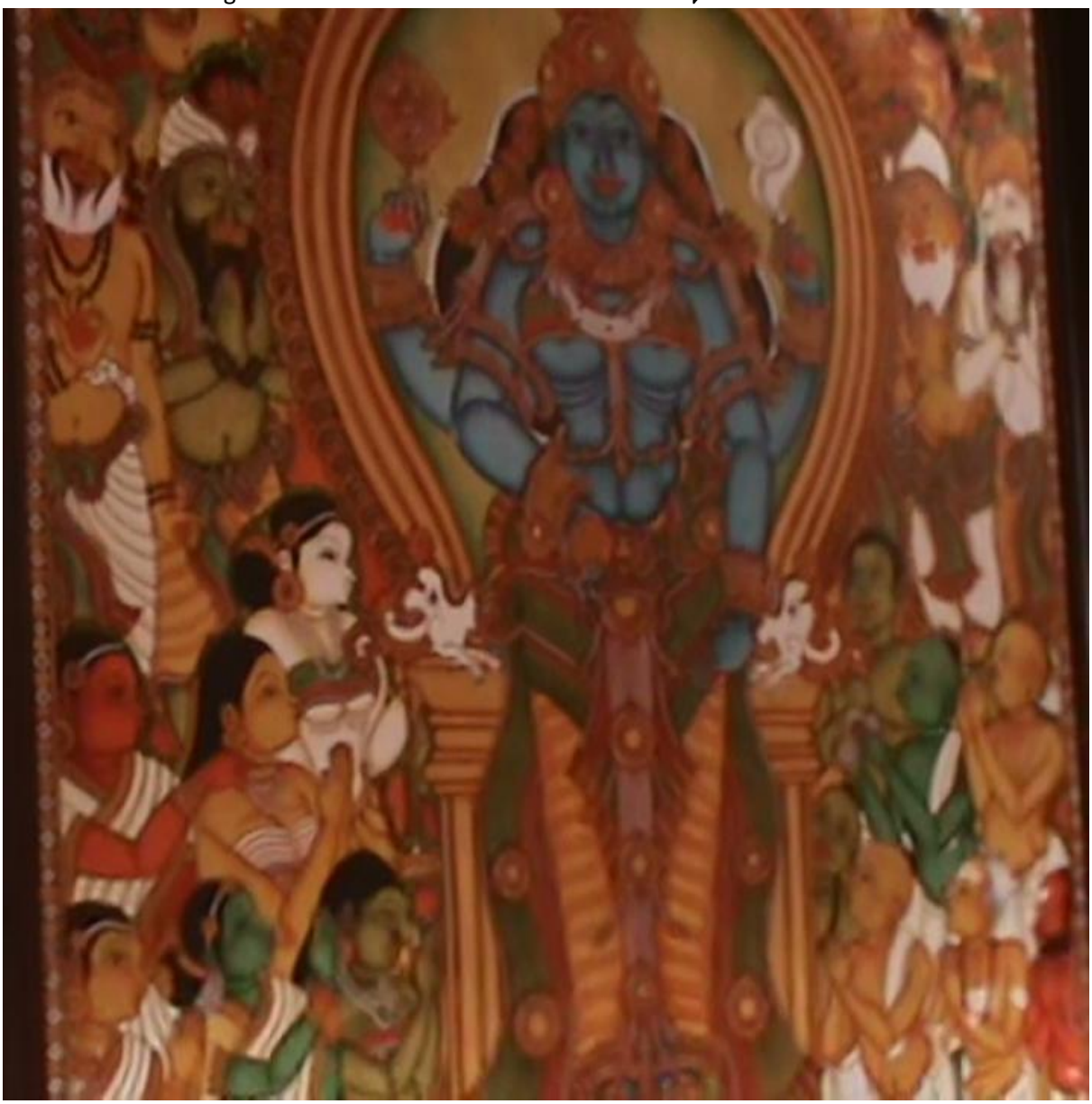

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Vettekkaran at Thrisala Bhaladurga Mankaav

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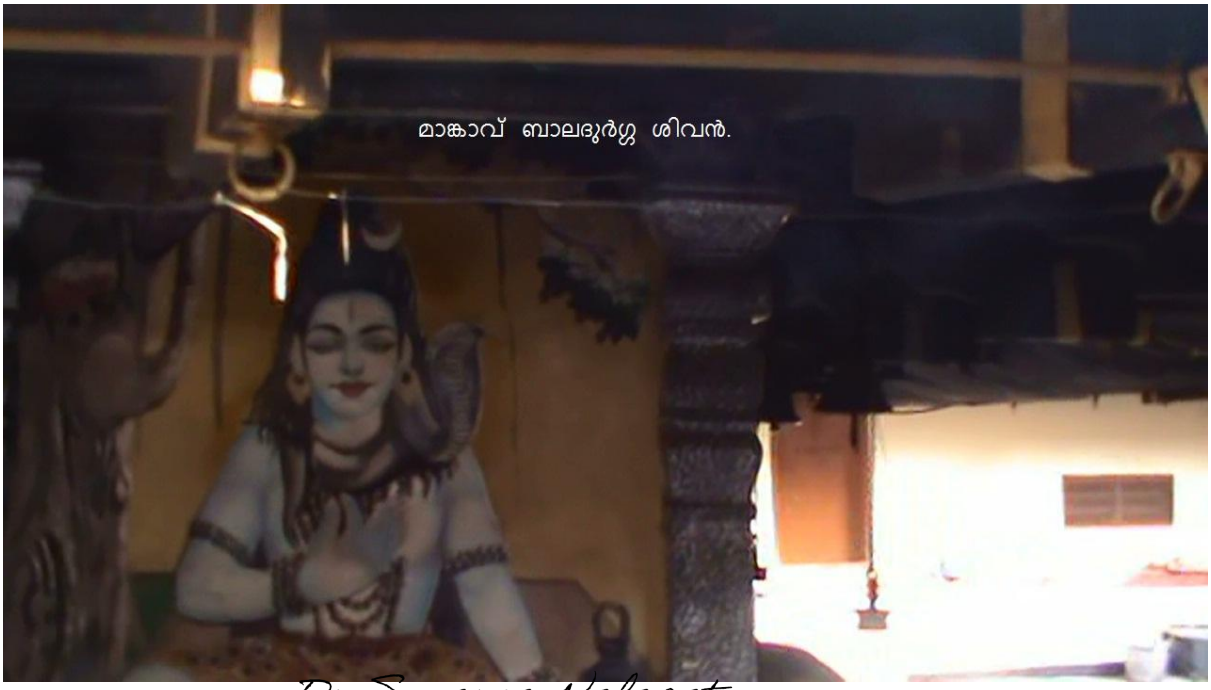

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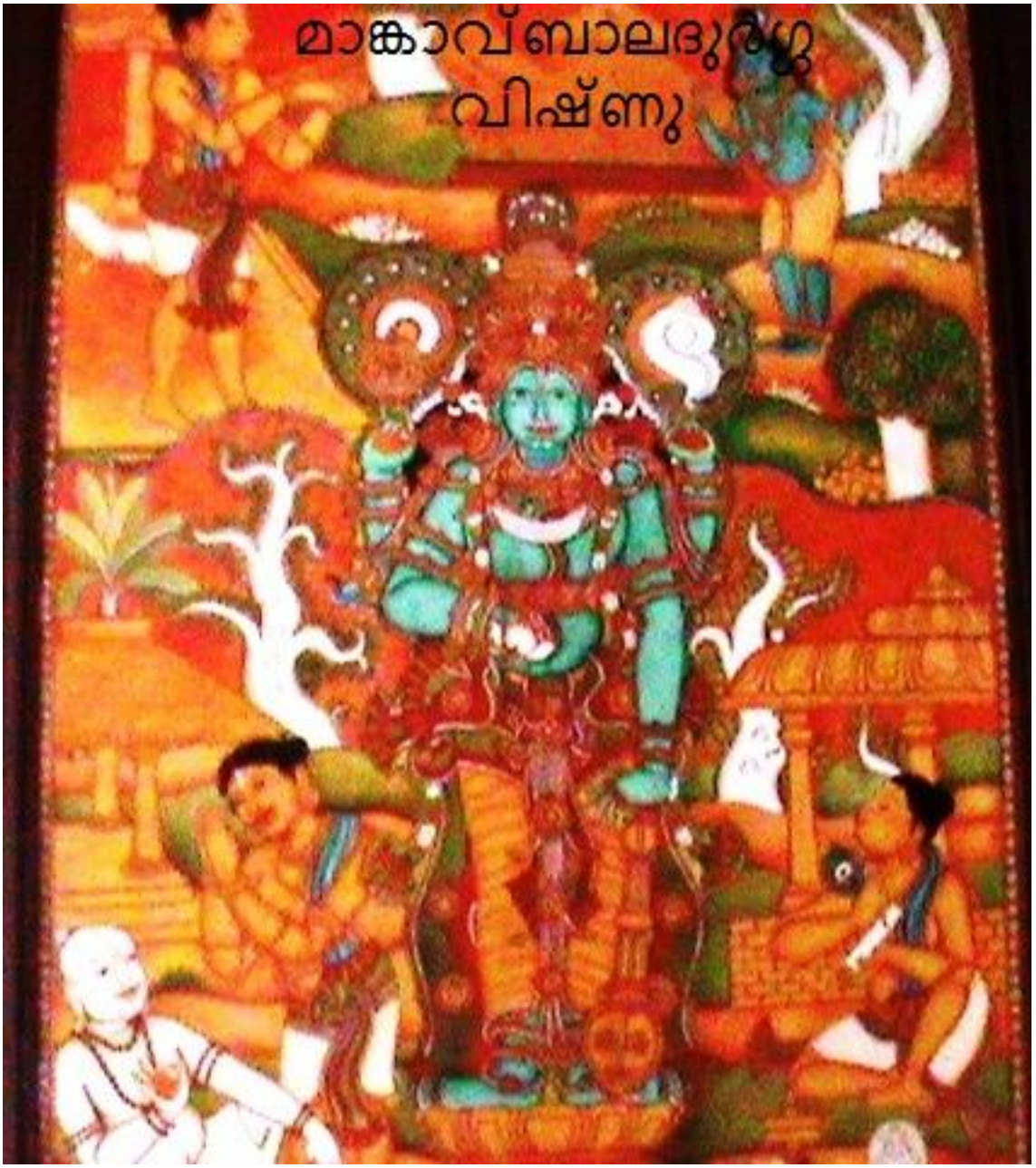

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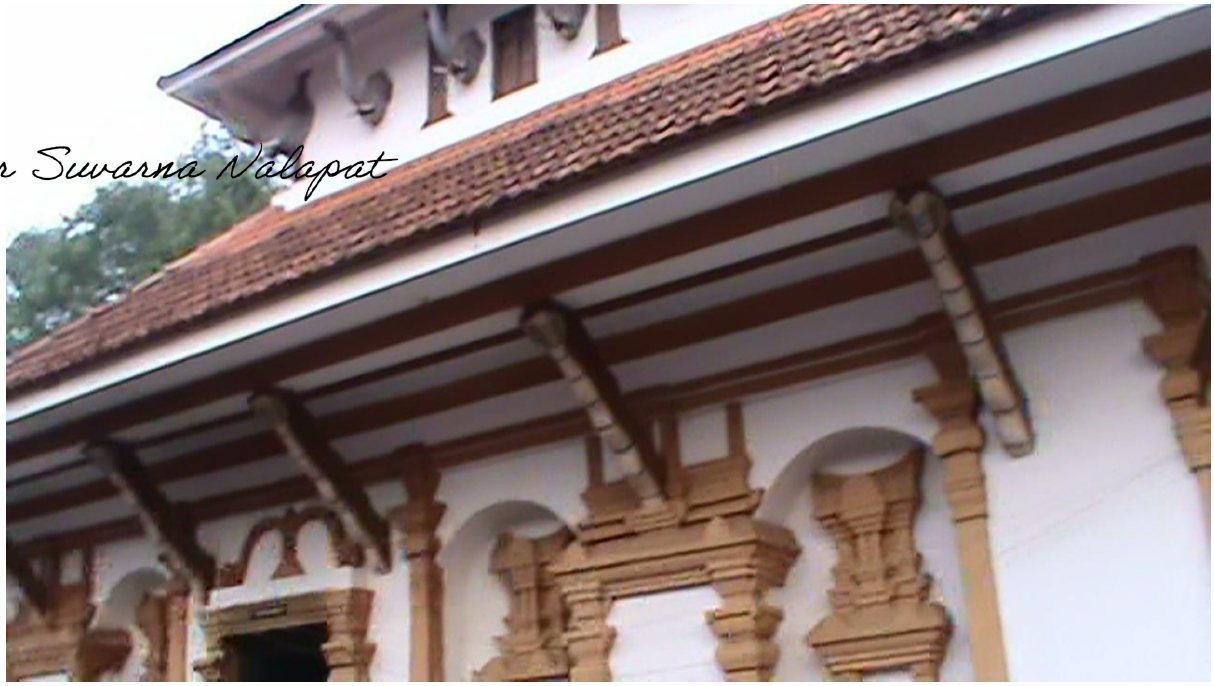
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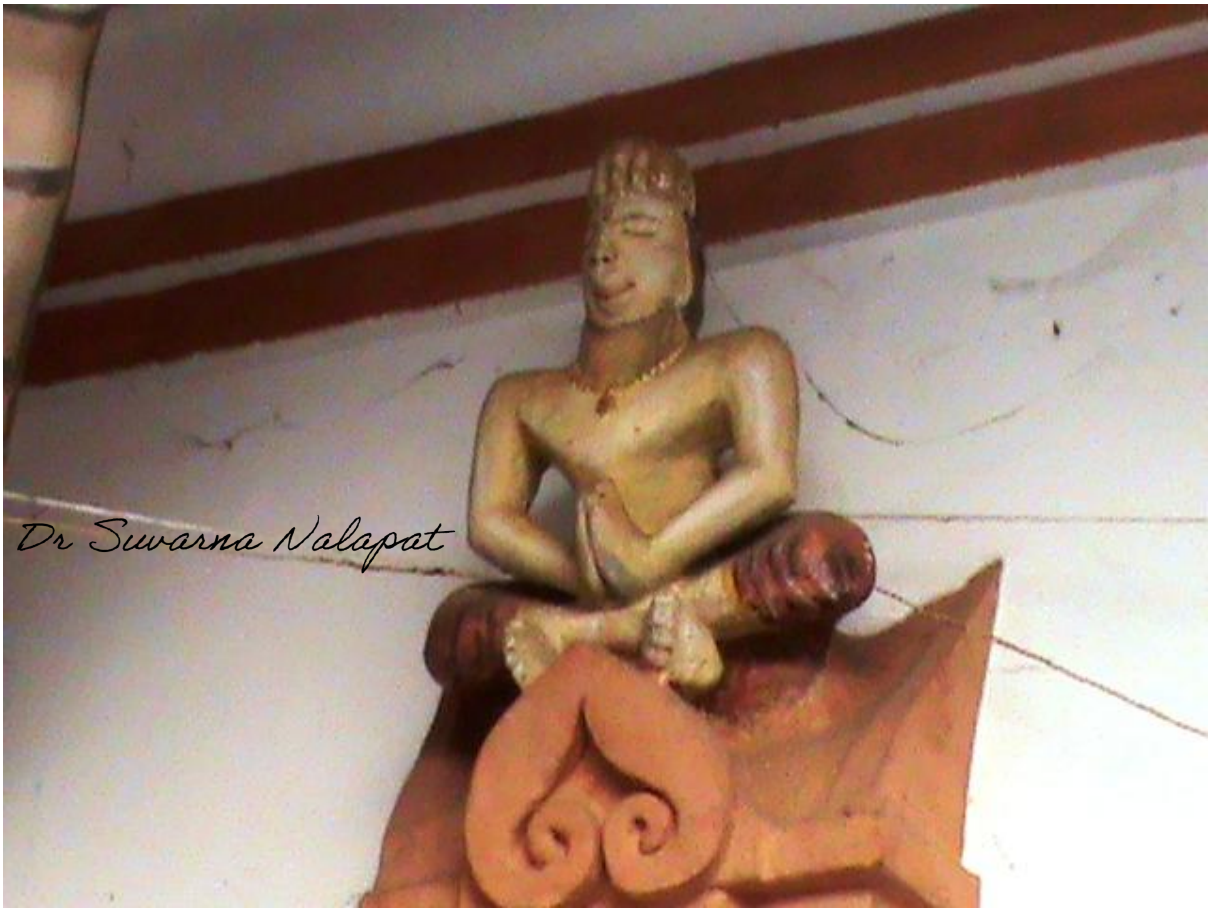
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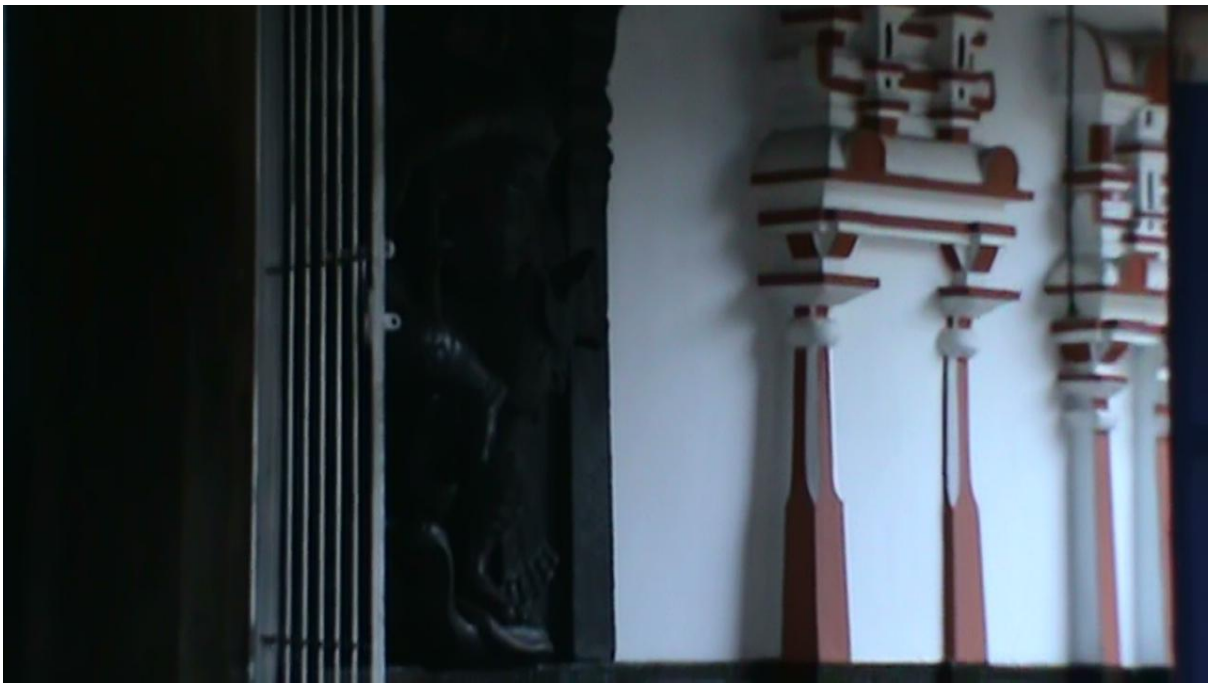

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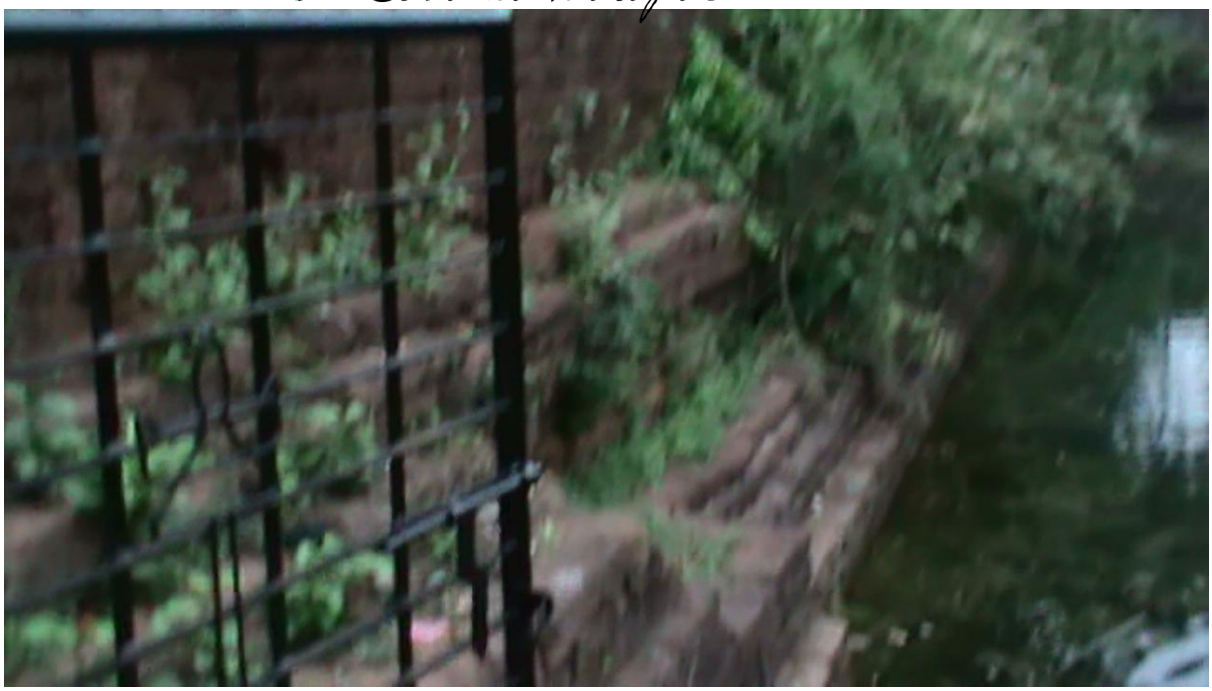

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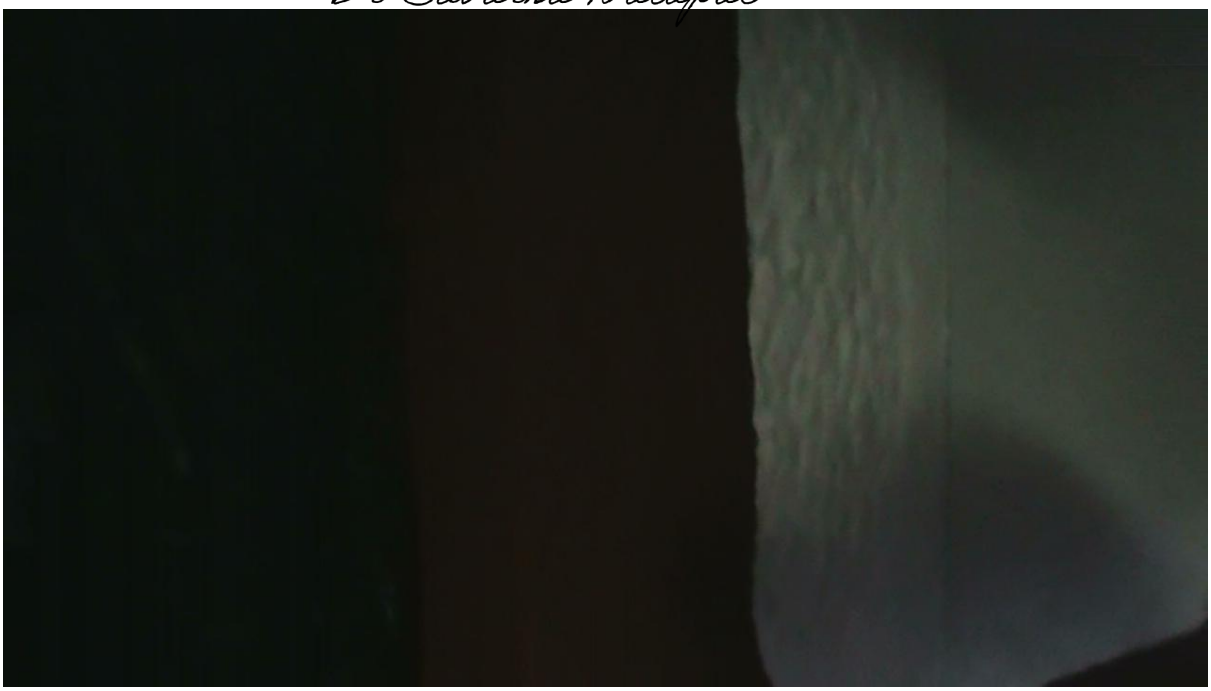

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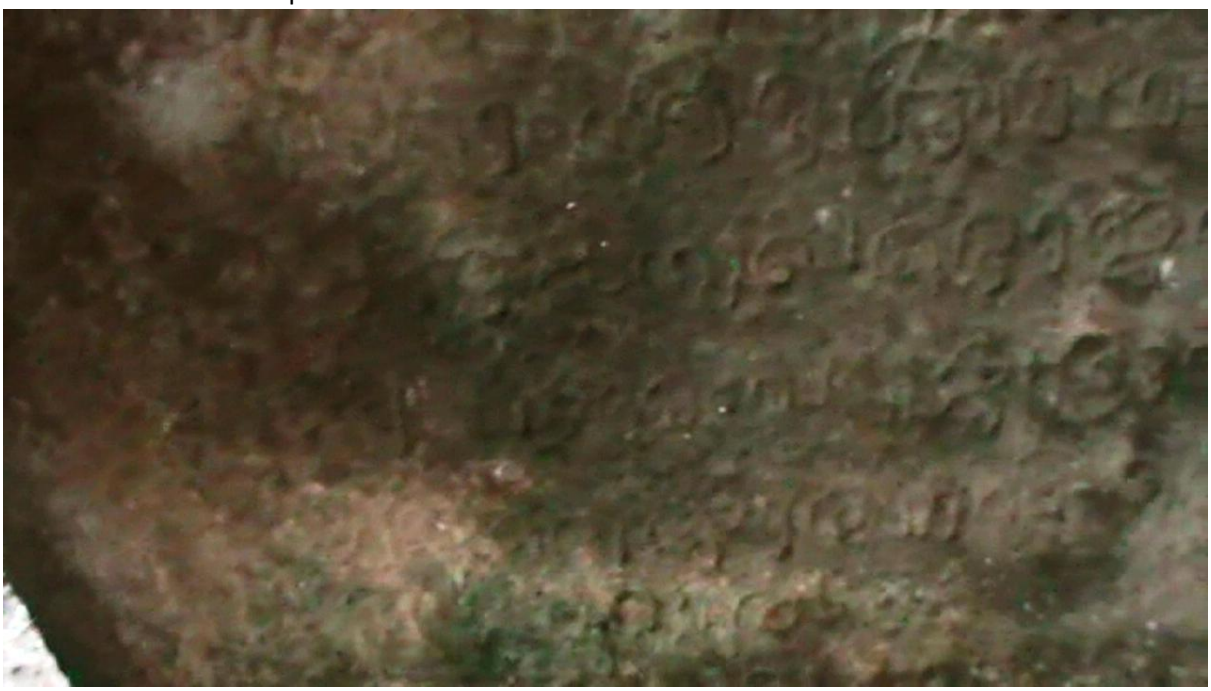
5. Thiruvannoor Shiva temple



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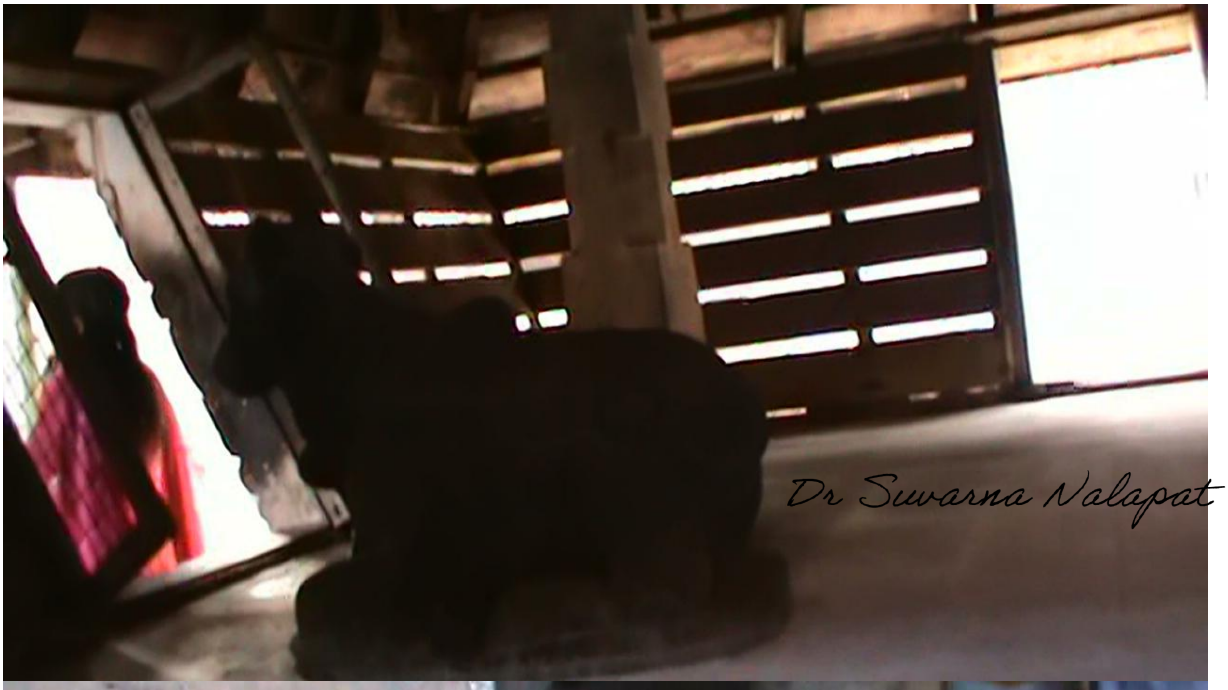
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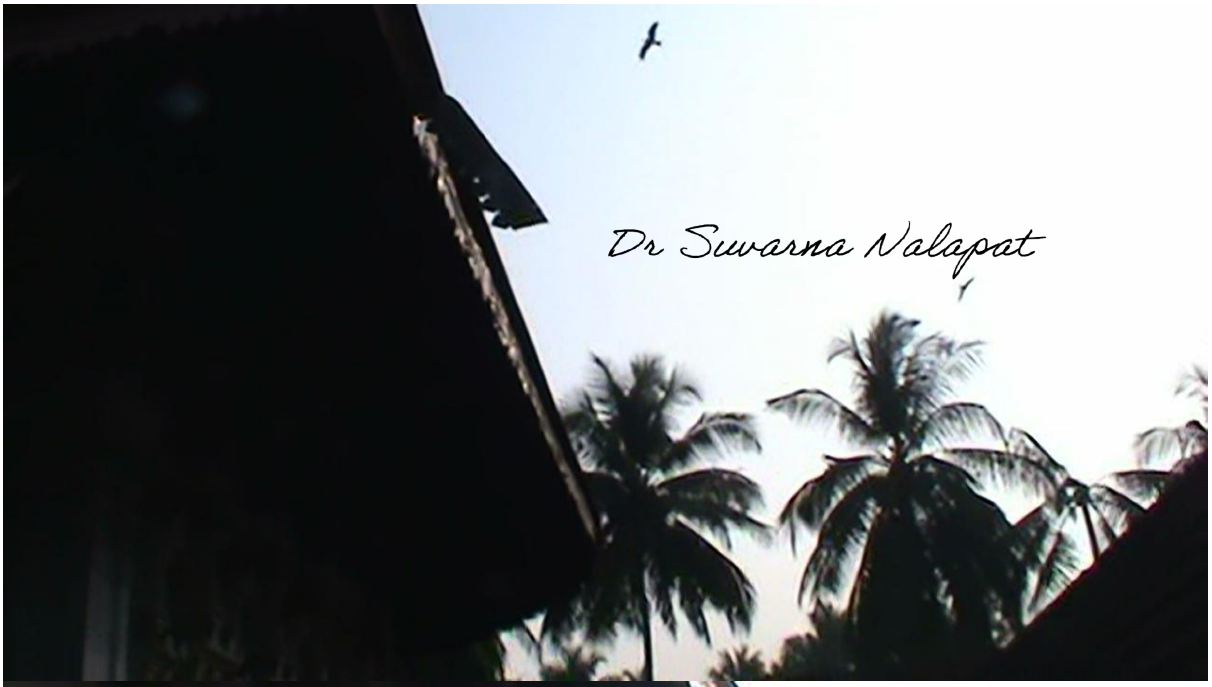
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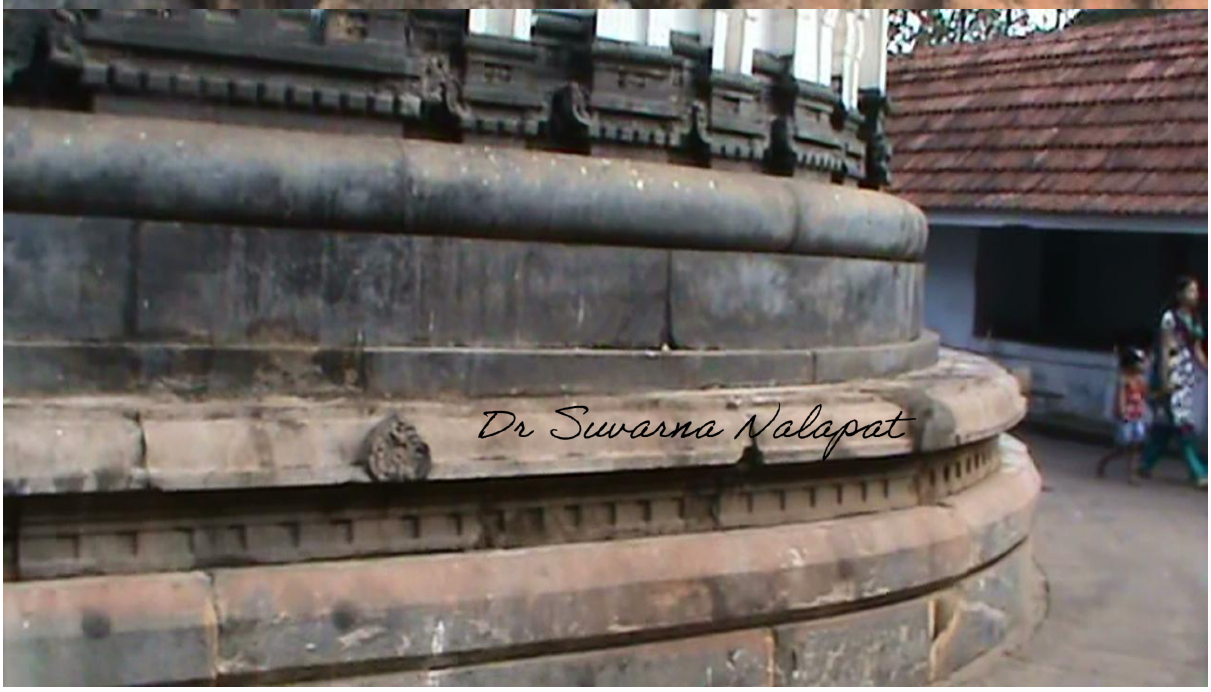
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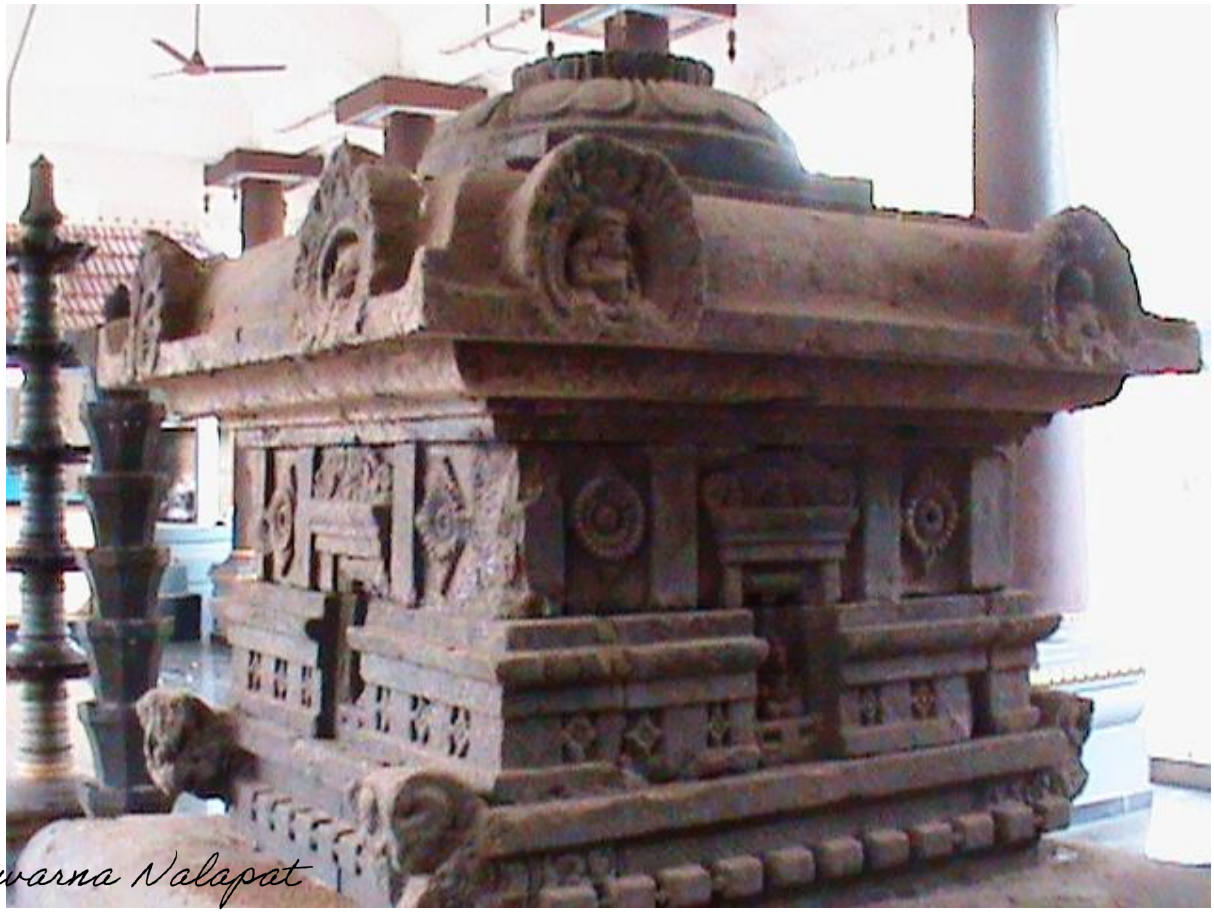

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6. Varakkal Devi cave temple , and Varakkalthazham Ayyappa

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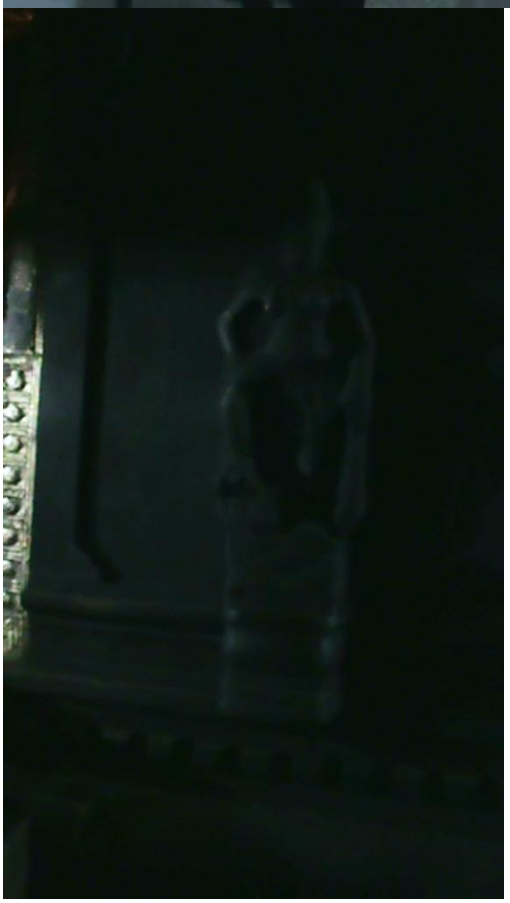

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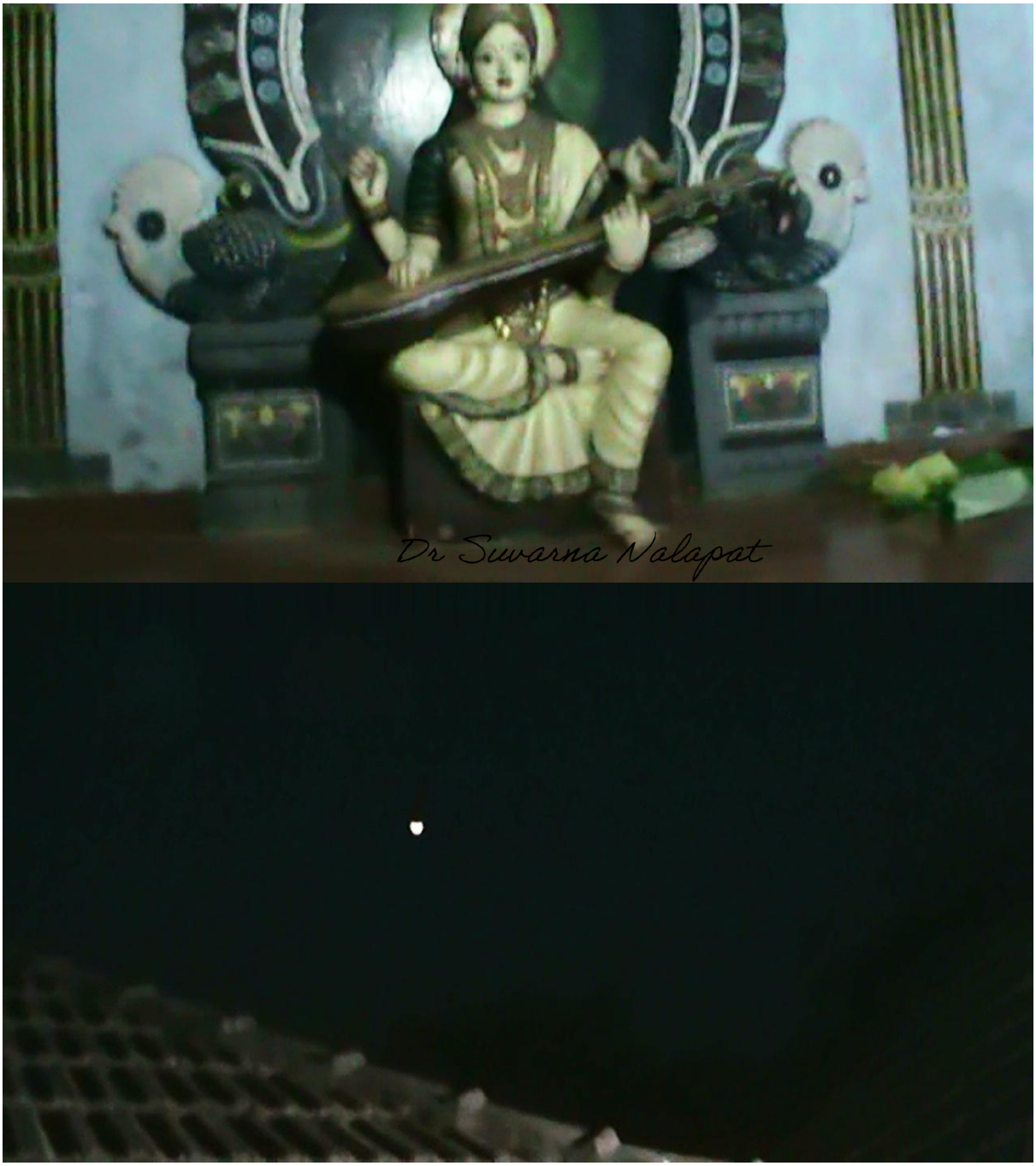
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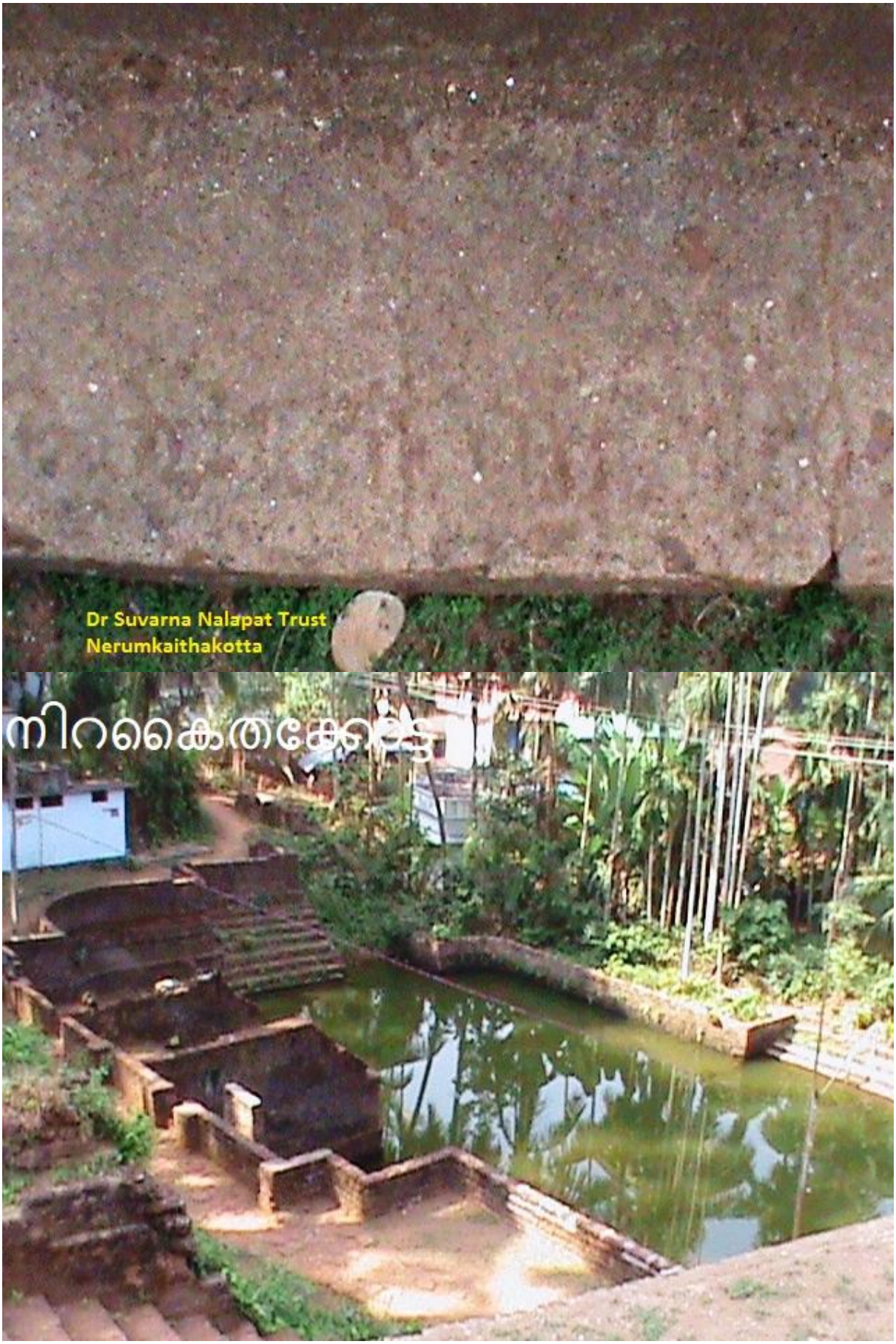
Varakkal Thazham Ayyappa

7. Nerumkaithakkotta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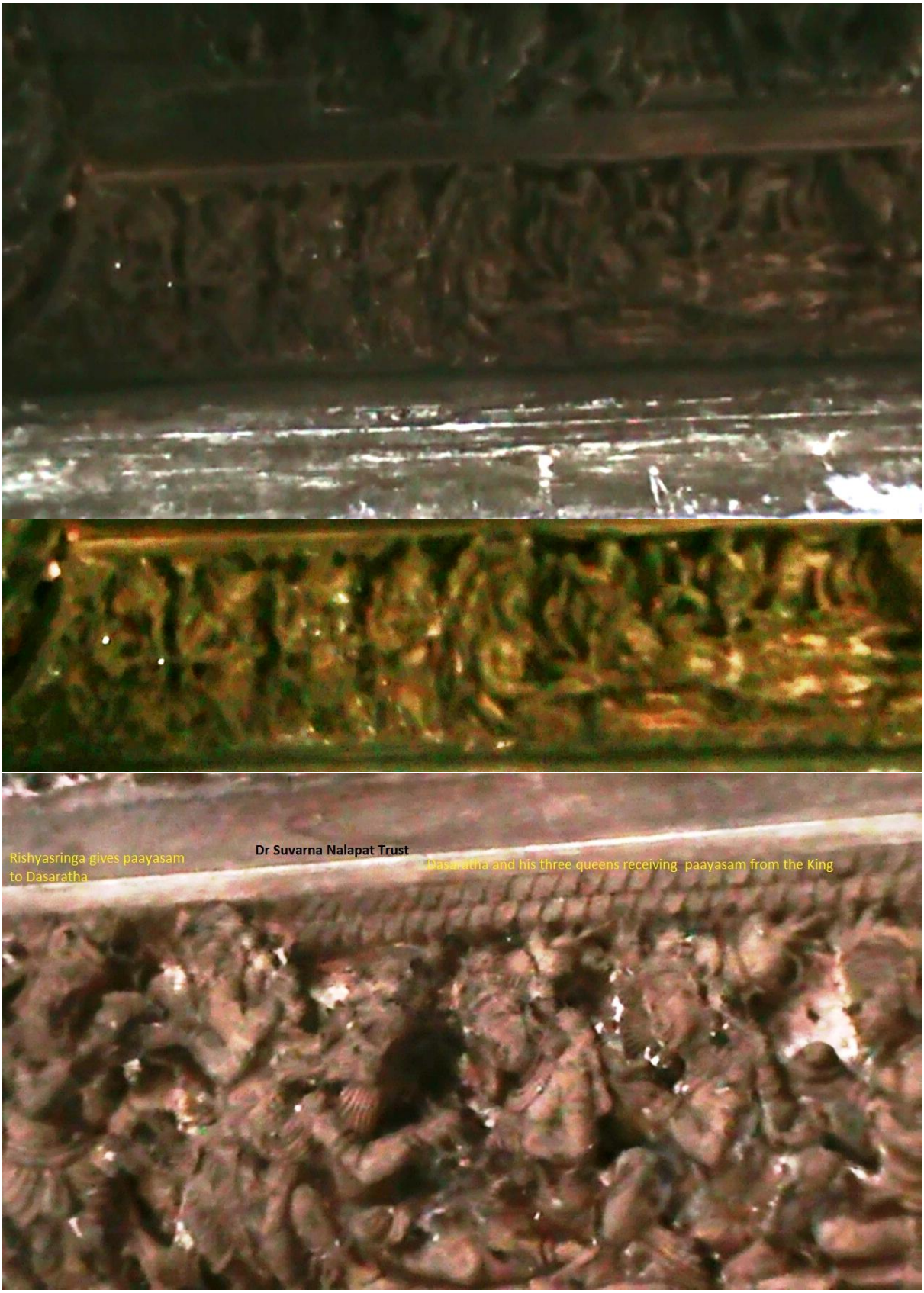

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Dasaratha gives paayasa to his 3 queens
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Raamaavathaaram Dasaratha's queens delivering their children
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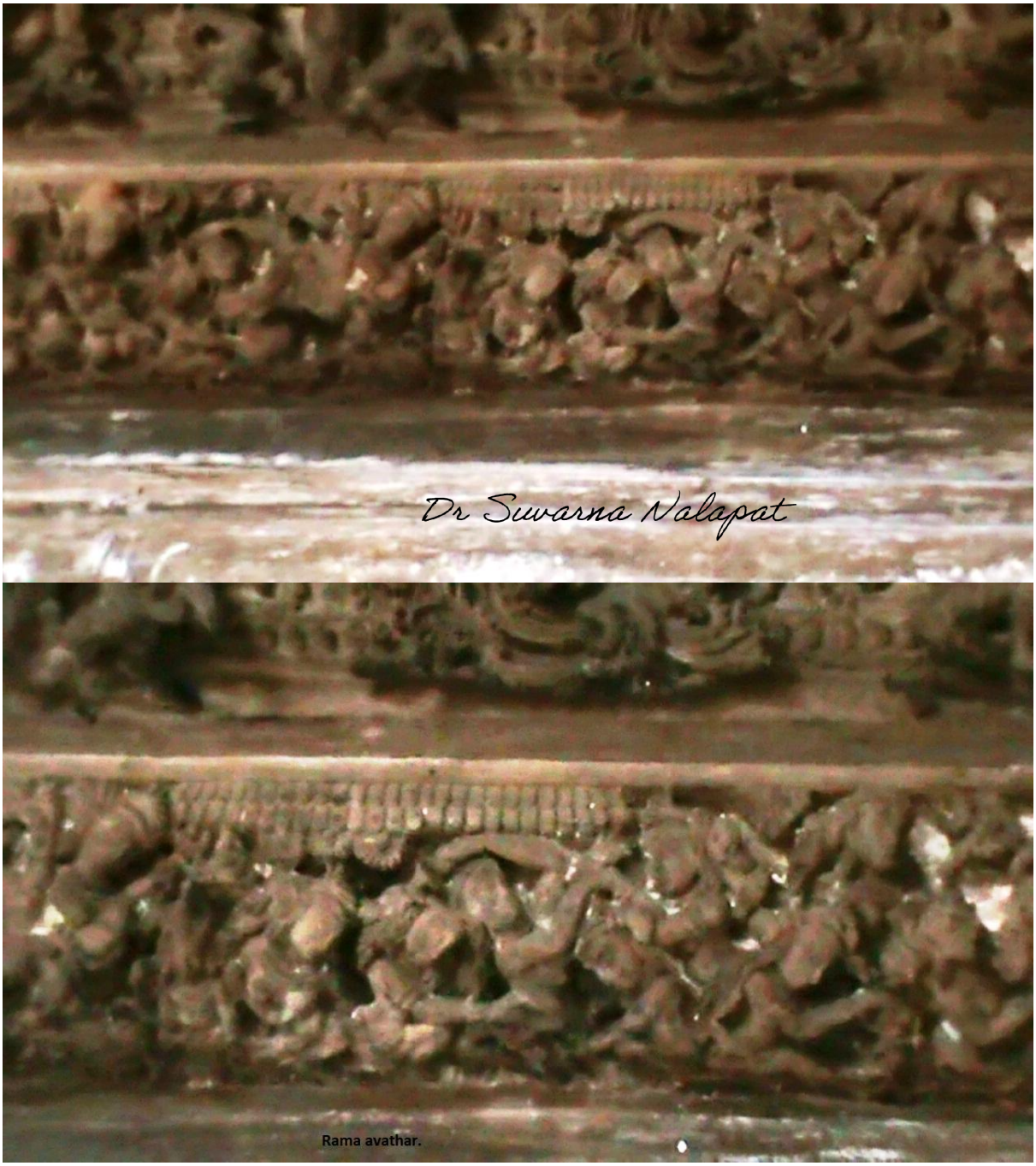

Rama avathar.

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Kousalya delivers Rama
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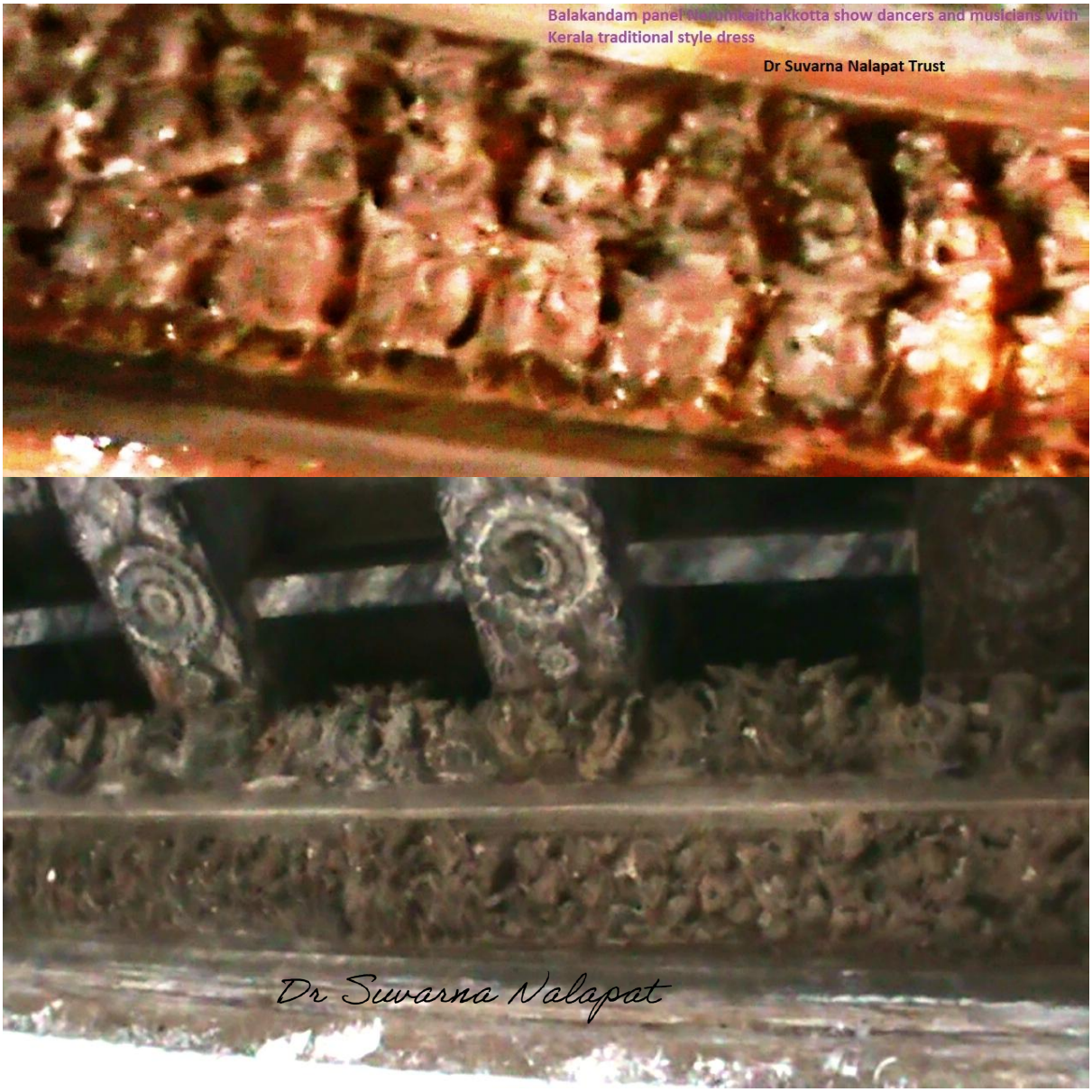
Balakandam panel Pavumkaithakkotta show dancers and musicians with Kerala traditional style dress
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Pallivetta (Mrigaya) of the princes. On the panel above is shown a chariot

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Dasaratha, his three queens and adolescent children

the sabha of scholars receives Viswamithra
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Bharatham is Iyal isai and naatakam.Drama includes nrityanatya and abhinaya.Note how closely the iconographist brings out bhaava of each participant in posture, and on facial expression
In this respect Karana of day to day life depicted in Kerala temple is more in tune with Bharathakala of Bharathamuni as a stage show of Drama.
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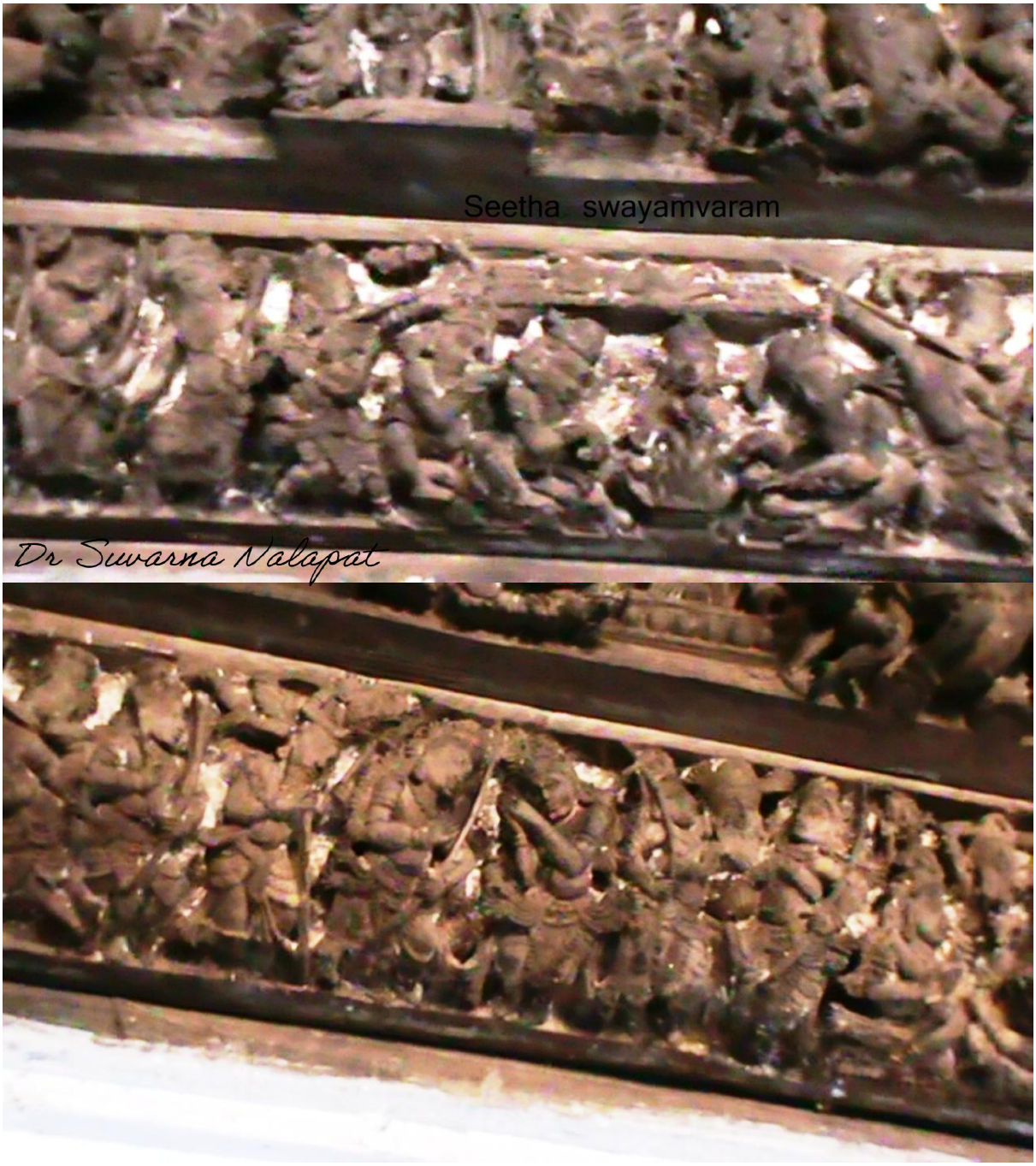
Ramalakshmana with Viswamithra meets Rakshasas in combat


Seetha swayamvaram
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Crossing the sarayu in a boat

Rishis of the forest welcomingthe prince
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Above Ramayanam panel Balarama,Krishna and Kuvalayapeeda

Krishna, Balarama with Elephant Kuvalayapeetham

Musical instruments Players are kirathas .Note the dress

8. Thali Chalappuram

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Chathurbhuja Venugopala in Dhyana
A very rare Moorthi

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Thali temple Calicut
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carved designs Srikovil wall show a cashew fruit
with nut
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Lions Thali Calicut

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Note shape of peetam

Balyam Vijnanamudra of Yoganrisimha .
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Koumaara dasa.Brahmachari,Yoganrisimhabhava of Parameswara. Yogapattam around knees, Maan (deer) and Mazhu (Axe) ,left hand Pallvahastham
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Mazhu
Deer
Pallavahastha Thali
Calicut
Yogapattam

Yoganrisimha has become King/Emperor in Youvana . Vishnu Chihna of Conch and Wheel
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Aggressive mood to annexe and conquer empires
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Vanaprastha Yoga Nrisimha .Dr Suvarna Nalapat Trust
More mature and peaceful Vaanaprastha with wisdom

Vardhakya of Yoganrisimha Conch and Wheel (Vishnu signs)
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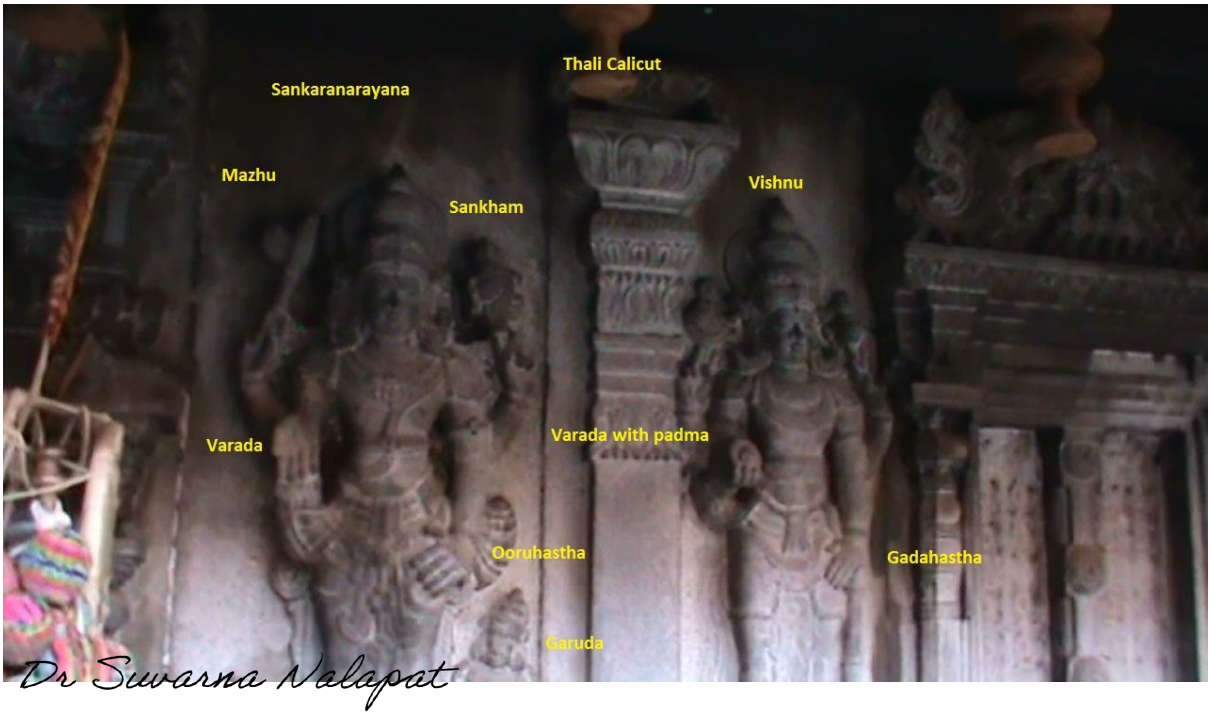
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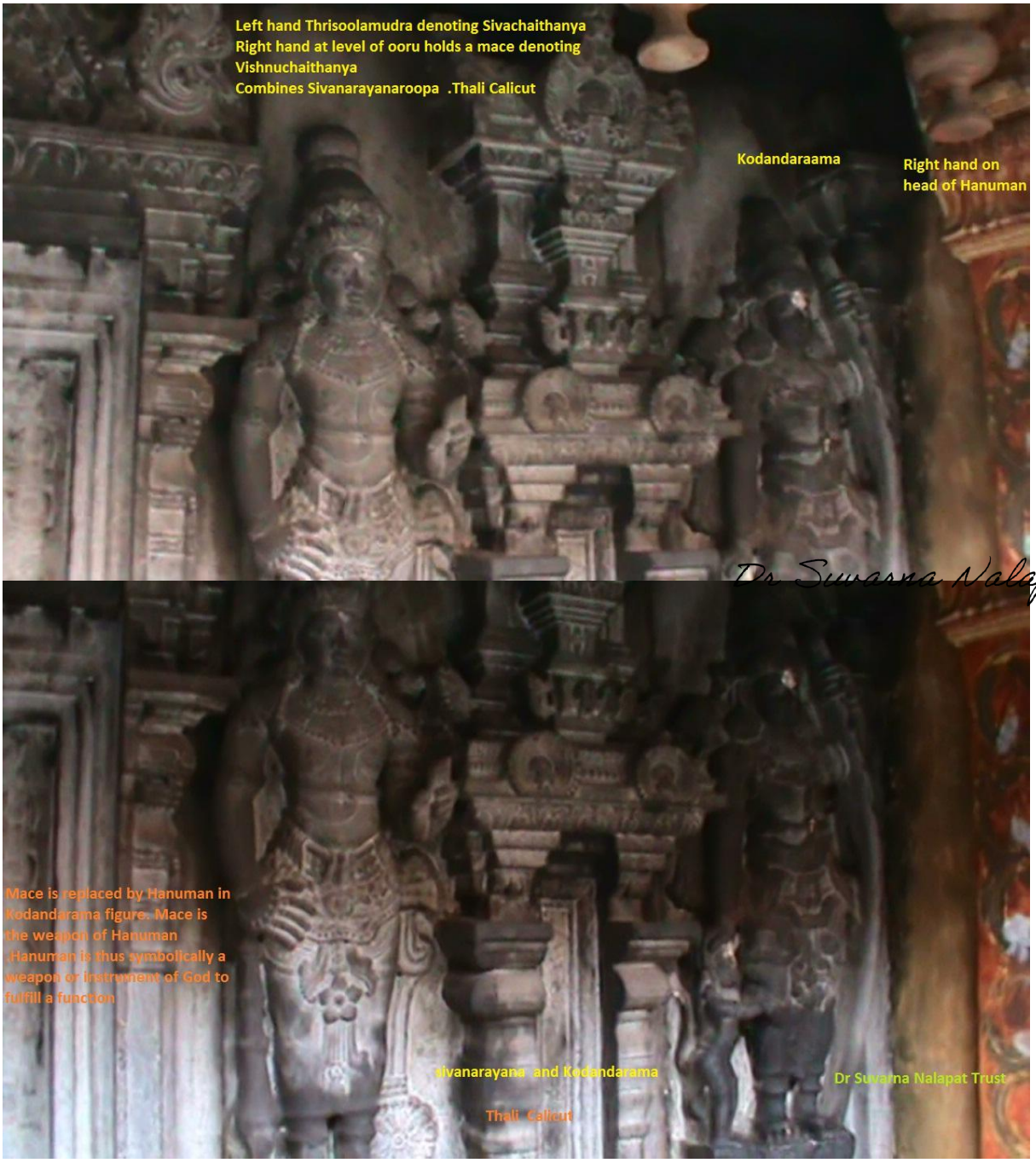

9. Thiruvalayanad Bhagavathy

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Thiruvalayanad Calicut

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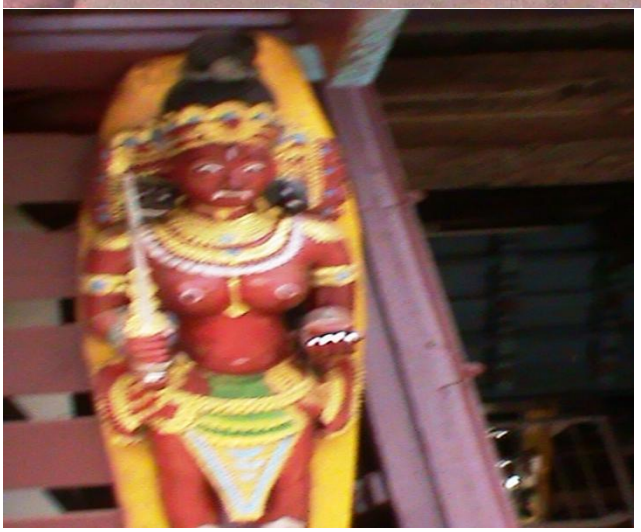

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